

## BRITISH LOSSES 549,467

Premier Asquith Presents Statement of Casualties in All Fields Since War Began.

French Occupy Asia Minor Town—Travelers Here Report U-Boats Are Active in War Zone.

London, Jan. 28.—Premier Asquith, in a written reply to a request for information says that the total British casualties in all fields of operation up to Jan. 9 was 549,467, of which 24,122 were officers and 525,345 of other ranks.

### FRENCH TARS OCCUPY ASIA MINOR VILLAGE

Paris, Jan. 28.—A despatch to the Matin says that French bluejackets have occupied the small town of Antipolis, on the coast of Asia Minor, opposite Castellorizo.

A Havas despatch from Saloniki says the French marines were landed from a warship which was supported by two armed trawlers, and took prisoners the local garrison, consisting of a captain and 25 men. They destroyed the telegraph wires, seized a number of documents and permitted Greek families which had been driven away to return to their dwellings.

### German U-Boats Busy, Say Travelers Here

New York, Jan. 28.—Numerous German submarines have been sighted in the war zone around the British Isles during the past few weeks, according to passengers who arrived today on the steamship California from Liverpool and Glasgow. The sailing of the steamer was delayed one day owing to the reported proximity of submarines and the California was escorted by torpedo boat destroyers until safety outside of the war zone.

Flanders and France: Officers killed, 5,218; wounded, 10,217; missing, 1,991. Other ranks: killed, 93,180; wounded, 246,390; missing, 5,234; total, 306,510.

Dardanelles—Officers killed, 1,745; wounded, 3,143; missing, 253. Other ranks: killed, 16,455; wounded, 74,922; missing, 10,901; total, 117,540. Other fronts: Officers killed, 918; wounded, 1,172; missing, 101. Other ranks: killed, 11,752; wounded, 16,165; missing, 2,855; total, 131,408. Grand total, 549,467.

The winter's inactivity on the fighting lines is reflected in the comparatively light losses of the British during the last few weeks. The previous official British report, made by Premier Asquith on Dec. 24, gave casualties up to Dec. 9, at 528,227, showing a loss in the intervening month of 21,240, or 85 per cent.

During the heaviest fighting British casualties have run far in excess of this average. They amounted to 60,000 in the battle of Loos alone in a period of two weeks last fall. The monthly average from the beginning of the war is about 32,000.

The British losses in the month preceding the period covered in today's report were still smaller. The total from Nov. 8 to Dec. 9 was 17,997.

## DIES SOON AFTER CELEBRATING HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

Thomas G. Stearn, Builder of Nova Scotia Railway, Was 99 Years Old.

Thomas Greene Stearns, who would have been 100 years old in April next, died yesterday at the home of his son, Fred W. Stearns, 840 Clinton avenue. He had been ailing several years, though none expected his end was near.

Mr. Stearns was born April 12, 1816, at Eastport, Me. He was a cousin of Andrew H. Greene of New York. His mental condition recently was as bright as in the days when Broadway looked half as busy as Bridgeport's Main street.

He constructed the Nova Scotia Central Railway.

His 100th New Years Day was celebrated in the Bridgeport hospital.

### Calls Tax Board Meeting For Tuesday

President William E. Seely of the board of apportionment has called a meeting for 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to receive the report of the city auditor. Sub-committees to handle regulations of the different departments will be named. William E. Burnham, the latest appointee, took the oath of office today.

Mayor Wilson has called a meeting of the advisory tax board for his office at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

## TAXPAYERS STORM CITY HALL TO VOICE PROTEST AT BOOST OF VALUATION

Taxpayers by hundreds streamed into city hall today and stormed about the office of the assessors. They had come to protest against increased valuation of their property, and to find out that there had been no clerical errors before they take steps to appeal to the board of relief.

Some of the visitors were large property owners, but most of them were owners of small homes. All had come under the sweeping program of raising the taxable valuation on property that the administration may keep up a semblance of economy by keeping the tax rate below the enormous propositions necessary, if it were based upon the present tax values.

Notices of the increase in assessments were sent out yesterday to all taxpayers. They responded with a rush today, everyone to examine the books and raise objection, but Assessors Knowlton and O'Brien, who were the only officials present this morning took the matter coolly. The board of relief will work overtime for several weeks if they hear all the complaints for relief.

Clerk DeBridge has not been in the assessors' office in the daytime all this week. President Hughes is ill at his home in Washington avenue and has not been at the office for three days. The abstract of the grand list is not ready and not one of the assessors will venture a guess as to how large the total increase in assessments will be.

"There are the books; you can look over them," said Assessor O'Brien, when asked this morning what the total grand list might be. Clerk DeBridge alone might venture a guess but he has been in hiding all week. It was the intention of the administration to boost the grand list at least \$25,000,000, thinking thereby that the tax rate might be kept at about 18 mills.

City Auditor Keating points out in his preliminary report, however, that even with this great increase in the grand list a tax rate of 20.7 mills will be required to meet the city's needs. It was predicted by some property owners at city hall today that many of the items which City Auditor Keating has taken from the list will be allowed by the board of apportionment and recommended by the advisory board and therefore the tax rate is likely to be more than 20.7 mills.

The stream of property owners who came to see why their assessments had been raised continued unabated this afternoon.

"It's an outrage," declared one man who owns two houses which the assessment has been increased \$1,000. "You ought to give them a—1 in, the papers tonight."

This general increase in property valuations will be probably followed by a general increase in rents all over the city and especially rents for dwelling houses. Such rents are already at "war time" prices but a further increase seems inevitable to some of the landlords.

More than \$5,000 will be donated by Bridgeport union men to the relief of the Danbury haters, according to what are said by union leaders here to be conservative estimates.

A canvass of unions indicates that thousands of dollars have already been and will be contributed before the end of the week.

Those who are working piece work give the proceeds of the second hour's labor yesterday. Day workers have and will make flat contributions of 50 and 60 cents.

Nearly all the unions have held meetings on the matter, and the members agreed to assist the struggling haters. As a result they ratified assessments of 50 and 60 cents of the proceeds of the hour's pay.

The union machinists of the Remington Arms & Machine Co. have just received sanction for a local of their own. They will branch out from Local No. 30 and will form a larger one. They alone have pledged an amount since their birth and she, unable to withstand the shock of his demise, followed him to the grave one week after his death. The sole heir to the estate now is the baker's sister, Miss Emma Kam. She applied for papers of administration on the estate today and at her request, Mr. Griesinger was named.

The sudden taking off of her mother and brother which leaves her virtually alone in the world, seems to have dazed Miss Kam. She had difficulty today in framing replies to Judge Miller's questions and she is unable to tell where the books of the business may be found. After the funeral of her mother Miss Kam disappeared and it was feared her mind was affected and that she had wandered off. Later, however, she was found at the home of relatives where she had gone for rest and quiet.

Since the death of Mr. Kam the bakery oven has been cold and the store at 1374 Main street closed. Mrs. Kam with her son and daughter lived at 1423 Main street. It was Mr. Kam's custom every morning to open his store and remain until his assistant, who was clerk there, came to relieve him.

Then he would go to the house and bring his mother. Every morning no matter what the weather, residents of that vicinity saw mother and son pass, the mother leaning on her son's arm. Mr. Kam then would start on his bakery route, returning in the afternoon to sit in the store with his mother. He was holding her hand when the fatal shock of heart disease came.

John L. Gerlich and William L. Zepp were named appraisers of the estate today.

### HARBOR HAPPENINGS

The barge Hudson arrived this morning with 580,000 feet of lumber for the West End Lumber Co. from Newburn, N. C.

The steam cannalier Elva entered with a load of fertilizer, and the Nellie Follette brought in a load of plumbago for the Bridgeport Crucible Co. The tub Hawk stopped over night in this harbor going on to New Haven this morning, and the tub Norwalk, towing the barge Empire with steel for the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co. also entered this morning. The Hazelton left two boats for New Haven.

### THE WEATHER

Cloudy and colder tonight and Saturday.

## WILSON STARTS TONIGHT ON HIS SPEAKING TOUR

President Leaves For Pittsburgh on "Swing Around The Circle."

PREPAREDNESS WILL BE PRINCIPAL TOPIC

Will Devote Whole Trip To Addresses on Important Legislation.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson returned from New York at 8:15 a. m. today. He went immediately to the White House.

The President planned a busy day finishing up pressing public business prior to departing tonight for Pittsburgh and the middle west to deliver a series of speeches on National Defense. He is anxious that the "speeding up" process in Congress be well under way before his return on Feb. 4. It was indicated today that in the middle west the President will devote his addresses to emphasizing the points made by him in his New York speech although he will also discuss practically all important questions pending in Congress, including the shipping bill.

The President, it was said, will not mince words in discussing the need for national defense and will talk very plainly about opponents of preparedness and men who want a very large standing army.

The President saw several Senators and Representatives on legislative matters but the usual Friday cabinet meeting was cancelled. He expects to see Secretary Lansing, however, to discuss foreign questions. During the President's trip Mr. Lansing will keep his informed constantly of all important developments in the international situation.

Before his departure tonight the President and Mrs. Wilson will attend a reception given in the honor by Secretary and Mrs. McAdoo.

The President will deliver the first address of his western trip in Pittsburgh tomorrow. He will speak in Cleveland tomorrow night, in Milwaukee on Monday; Chicago on Monday night; Des Moines, Tuesday; in Topeka, Wednesday; in Kansas City, Wednesday night; in St. Louis, Thursday morning and will return home Friday afternoon. He will also speak from the platform of his car in many towns through which he will pass.

On the trip west he will be accompanied by Mrs. Wilson, Secretary of War, Mr. C. T. Grayson, the White House physician, two stenographers, a telegrapher and an unusually large corps of secret service men. He will attend no banquets or social affairs but will devote practically the entire trip to speaking and traveling. Dr. Grayson said today that the President is in good physical condition for the tour.

It was arranged that after speaking at the principal meeting in Topeka, the President will speak briefly at an overflow meeting in the high school auditorium.

## STOCKHOLDERS GAIN POINT IN RECOVERY SUIT

Court Admits Amended Bill Allowing Procedure in Name of Company.

Boston, Jan. 28.—The superior court today virtually empowered minority stockholders of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad to proceed in the name of the corporation in their suit to recover from former directors of the road \$102,000,000, alleged to have been lost by improper purchases.

Judge Bralley, in allowing two amendments to this effect which were filed recently by minority interests, allowed the respondents 30 days in which to demur or plead.

Counsel for the respondents said in court that they probably would demur to the amendments, as they had to the original bill. The demurrer against the amendments was first known as not set forth a sufficient cause for action.

### No Foul Play In Dockerman Injuries

Assert Policemen

The police began an investigation today of the injuries of Herbert Dockerman, otherwise known as Martin, who was found unconscious Tuesday evening at Railroad avenue and Broad street.

They say there was no foul play. They have questioned Henry Mitchell, a bartender, with whom Dockerman roomed. He declares Dockerman fell off the back stoop.

According to Mitchell, Dockerman was intoxicated and he arose from his bed, to seek relief on the back stoop. He fell, the railing, says Mitchell, and landed in a case of beer bottles. Mr. and Mrs. Michael Murphy, who live in the same house, say they heard the fall.

Physicians said today there is little hope for Dockerman's recovery.

### C. L. I. To Change Name.

Hartford, Jan. 28.—In the superior court today, official sanction was given the Connecticut Literary Institute in Suffolk to change its name to "Suffield School." The institution was chartered in 1833 and was first known as the Connecticut Baptist Literary Institution.

## MRS. MOHR GETS SHARP GRILLING BY PROSECUTION

Second Marriage Ceremony at Lynn is Under Fire of Attorney General.

DENIES DOCTOR WAS DRUNK AT THE TIME

Defendant Refutes Allegations of Servant's Threat To Murder Husband.

Providence, Jan. 28.—Mrs. Elizabeth P. Mohr, jointly accused with two negroes, Victor Brown and Harry H. Spellman, of murdering her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr, today was under a severe grilling by the prosecution. It was her third day on the stand. She maintained her composure throughout the ordeal.

Attorney General Rice questioned Mrs. Mohr concerning an incident described by her on direct examination, in which she stated that Dr. Mohr had thrown her fur coat out of a bathroom window. Asked if she had called the police she replied: "Yes, an officer nearby."

"Yes, I started," she said, "Chief of Police Crowley of Newport."

"Haven't you entertained him at your home?" Mr. Rice asked.

"Mr. and Mrs. Crowley have been to my house several times," Mrs. Crowley was a very good friend of mine."

"Weren't you intimate with him?" "No."

The alleged confession of the negro co-defendants, stated that Mrs. Mohr told them not to be afraid as she "stood in" with the police.

The witness said the "first serious quarrel with the doctor occurred in February, 1909. It started, she said, when he began taking drugs and beating her."

"I understand you to say he drove you out of the house?" "Yes, I told him I was going to leave him."

"There was no occasion for the beatings other than that he got drunk and used drugs."

"No, sir."

Certain questions relating to an insurance policy taken out by Mrs. Mohr on the life of Joseph Hennen, her nephew, and litigation that followed, were excluded by the court.

Mr. Rice explained that he was trying to show that the trial of the insurance suit was postponed several times and did not come up until after the second marriage ceremony at Lynn in 1909.

"Didn't you know that in that suit you had to testify you were the wife of Dr. Mohr?"

"I don't know anything about it."

"When you go to Lynn to have the marriage ceremony performed for the express purpose of enabling you to testify in the insurance suit that you were Elizabeth P. Mohr, wife of Dr. Mohr?"

"Certainly not."

"Didn't you take Dr. Mohr to Lynn to be married while he was under the influence of liquor?" "I did not."

"Didn't Dr. Mohr always say that if he ever did marry you it was while he was intoxicated?"

"No, sir, because he was not intoxicated when he was married."

"Didn't you know that in this cross petition for divorce he charged you with extreme cruelty and adultery?" "Yes, sir."

"And didn't you know he claimed in the petition he was never married to you?"

Arthur Cushing, Mrs. Mohr's counsel, objected. The attorney general showed her the bill and asked her if she found any allegation there where Mohr admitted he married the witness.

"I don't find any," replied Mrs. Mohr.

"Have you any further proof or witnesses that he admitted his marriage to you excepting your word?" "My word is the truth," she replied.

Mrs. Mohr said that in June, 1909, the doctor struck her and knocked her into the bathtub.

"And after he gave you these terrible beatings you still loved him?" "I loved him always," she sobbed.

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## MOTHER FOR 10 HOURS RECEIVES EVICTION THREAT

Unable to Raise \$4 Rent, Mother With New-Born Babe, Suffers Abuse.

Her husband on a spree, without money to pay the rent, Mrs. Leon Harvey of 128 East Main street, mother of a ten-hour-old baby, was threatened with eviction Tuesday evening when her landlord was unable to pay her \$4 for one week's rent.

The landlord rents a five room flat and four of these rooms he lets to other families for \$4 a week each. He pays \$16 a month for the flat and the money acquired from his roomers in one week pays his month's rent. The Harvey family was one week behind in payment Tuesday and he said to have stormed about their household demanding immediate payment. He is said to have threatened to evict the mother and her child. Neighbors took a hand in the matter and he threatened to throw them bodily out of the house. Friends then supplied Mrs. Harvey with the required amount of money and the landlord left her room. Mrs. Harvey said today there is little hope for Dockerman's recovery.

## BRANDEIS IS NAMED ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF SUPREME COURT

BOSTON LAWYER GETS SUPREME COURT POST



LOUIS D. BRANDEIS.

## WILDER WON'T APPEAL LIBEL SUIT, HE SAYS

Time Limit Expires for City Court Judge Who Lost in Superior Court.

Judge Frank L. Wilder of the city court will not appeal to the supreme court from the decision of Judge Case, who found for the Post Publishing Co. in the \$10,000 libel suit Judge Wilder brought against that concern. It was said today that the time for filing notice of appeal had expired. Judge Wilder, also said he had no intention of taking an appeal. He claimed that certain articles in the Evening Post in which the arrest of Carl F. Slemmon was discussed had injured his reputation.

## JUDGE BURPEE'S DAUGHTER GETS LARGE ALIMONY

Husband With Income of \$9,000 Annually Must Pay Her \$41,250.

Lida Burpee Ellsworth, daughter of Judge Lucien Burpee of the superior court, was awarded a divorce from John Stoughton Ellsworth and alimony of \$41,250 by Judge Gager in the superior court this morning. The court accepted the report of Attorney C. S. Canfield, who recommended the divorce and alimony. Attorney Canfield heard all testimony in chambers.

The Ellsworths were married July 15, 1905. The wedding being a big society event in Waterbury where Judge Burpee resides. Mrs. Ellsworth charged her husband with intolerable cruelty and it was on this ground that the decree was granted. Although the report does not give details regarding the cruelty it is said Mrs. Ellsworth charged her husband with beating and striking her.

The court awards Mrs. Ellsworth the custody of four minor children, John S. Jr., Thomas B., Lida, and Elaine Ellsworth. The husband is to be allowed to see the children at reasonable times. It was found that Ellsworth owned personal estate valued at \$42,000 but he has other property and also has an income of \$9,000 a year. The Ellsworths made their home in New Canaan. Ellsworth was prominent in athletics when he attended Yale and once served as manager of the baseball team.

## FEDERAL COURT WILL NOT ADMIT BIG FIGHT FILMS

Refuse Renewals of Licenses For Non Bonafide Clubs

Boston, Jan. 28.—The federal circuit court of appeals today affirmed the decision of the district court in Maine which held that motion pictures of the Johnson-Willard fight in Havana, could not be admitted to this country. Owners of the films entered suit last year against the collector of customs at Portland, Me., because of his refusal to admit them.

### STATE AUTO DEPARTMENT GRANTED \$2,500 MACHINE.

Hartford, Jan. 28.—The state board of control has authorized the secretary of state to purchase an automobile for the use of the automobile department at an expense of \$2,500. This is the first time the automobile department since its organization has been allowed an automobile.

The department has sent out to operators throughout the state notices of the renewal of licenses before the last day of February. There are about 52,000 operators and each has to pay for his license \$2. The notices filled 14 mail bags.

Boston Attorney Nominated By President Wilson To Vacancy Caused By The Death of Justice Lamar—Causes Surprise.

Prominent Lawyer Had Not Been Mentioned Among Favorites in Speculation Over Appointment—Name Is Sent to Senate.

Washington, Jan. 28.—President Wilson today selected Louis D. Brandeis, of Boston, to be associate justice of the supreme court to succeed the late Justice Lamar.

Mr. Brandeis' nomination went to the Senate today. It was a surprise everywhere in official circles.

Mr. Brandeis has never been mentioned for the vacancy.

Louis Dembitz Brandeis was born at Louisville, Ky., November 13, 1856, son of Adolph and Fredericka (Dembitz) Brandeis. He was educated in the Louisville grade and high schools, and later took a post graduate course in the realschule at Dresden, Germany, 1873-1875.

Later he attained the degree LL. B. at Harvard in 1877. In 1891, he was given the honorary degree of A. M. by the same institution.

He married Alice Goldmark, of New York city, March 23, 1891. He admitted to the bar in 1878, and has been in legal practice in the city of Boston since 1879. Mr. Brandeis was first a member of the firm of Warren & Brandeis, from 1879 to 1892. Since 1892, he has been a member of the firm of Brandeis, Dunbar & Miller.

He was counsel for Mr. Glavis in the Ballinger-Pinchot controversy in 1910 and for the shippers in the advanced freight rate investigation before the Interstate Commerce Commission in 1911. Mr. Brandeis was counsel for the United States in proceedings involving the constitutionality of Oregon and of Illinois laws; the woman's ten hour laws and the Ohio nine hour law. He was instrumental in preserving the Boston municipal subway system, in establishing the Boston sliding scale gas system, and the Massachusetts savings bank insurance.

He was also active in opposing the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad's monopoly of transportation in New England, culminating in an arbitration board; and was counsel for the workers in the New York Garment Workers' strike in 1910.

He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa of Harvard; of the University, City and Exchange clubs of Boston; a member of the Harvard club of New York and of Dedham, Mass.

He is the author of articles on public franchise in Massachusetts, life insurance, scientific, labor problems and trusts.

He is a contributor to legal reviews.

His home and office are in Boston.

### BRANDEIS HONORED GUEST OF JEWS IN BRIDGEPORT SUNDAY

Louis D. Brandeis was an honored guest in Bridgeport on Sunday. He came here at the invitation of Zerubovell lodge, No. 68, M. P. E. C. He had arranged a mass meeting in the interests of the Zionist movement.

Mr. Brandeis was the guest of honor at a banquet at the Hotel Loraine, and he spoke briefly on the subject. Later he was the chief speaker at the Park theatre.

Through his masterful presentation of the Zionist movement, and his effective appeal for co-operation, a large sum was pledged by Bridgeporters for the furtherance of the movement, as well as for the immediate needs of the Jews in Palestine, suffering from hardships growing out of war conditions.

Mr. Brandeis' address at the Park theatre was of a patriotic nature. He argued that the Jew in America is none the less a good American citizen because he is interested in the Zionist movement, and in this connection spoke of the activities of the Americans of Irish birth or descent who by force of intellect and money have aided in the struggle for home rule for Ireland.

### Refuse Renewals of Licenses For Non Bonafide Clubs

As a result of investigations by the county commission the following clubs have been denied liquor licenses, although no remonstrances were filed against them. One of the number is Park City lodge, G. U. O. F. P. of 497 Housatonic avenue. The commission found this was not a bona fide club within the meaning of the law.

Other clubs denied licenses were: Oxford club of 249 Main street, Stamford; Ideal Hunting and Fishing club, 64 White street, Danbury; Alpine Social club, 47 White street, Danbury; Stamford Cricket club, 24 Gay street, Stamford. The commissioners have about 12 remonstrances pending against local clubs but owing to the illness of Commissioner Brophy have been unable to assign dates for hearings.

The Ford Motor Co. plant at Highland Park, Detroit, will be enlarged to three times its present size, at a cost of \$10,000,000.